

may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the resolution just agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 1158, MAKING EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESCISSIONS, AND TO H.R. 1159, MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESCISSIONS

(Mr. SOLOMON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee is planning to meet on next Tuesday, March 14, to grant a rule which may limit the kind of amendments which may be offered to H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions and to H.R. 1159, making supplemental appropriations and rescissions.

The rule will, subject to the approval of the Rules Committee, include a provision requiring that amendments not increase the net level of budget authority in the bill. This means that if there is a proposal to add budget authority, it must be offset by other cuts in budget authority. And rescissions would be treated in a similar manner. If an amendment proposes to eliminate a rescission, it would need to include offsetting cuts.

The rule may further provide that the bill will be read for amendment by chapter, which means that any addition to a particular chapter of the bill would have to be offset by increasing rescissions in the same chapter.

New rescissions affecting programs other than those in the bill would constitute legislation on an appropriation and violate the standing rules of the House.

Subject to the approval of the Rules Committee this rule will include a provision requiring amendments to be preprinted in the amendment section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Amendments should be submitted for printing no later than Monday, March 13, 1995.

Amendments to be preprinted should be signed by the Member, and submitted at the Speaker's table.

The bill may be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule, with a possible overall time limitation on the amending process.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House. It is not necessary to submit amendments to the Rules Committee or to testify.

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That is certainly optional.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SOLOMON. I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mr. MOAKLEY. According to our latest information, the House is not in session Monday; is that so?

Mr. SOLOMON. In order to give Members a fair opportunity to prefile their amendments on this very important issue dealing with rescissions, the House is going to be in session pro forma on Monday, which means Members would have that opportunity to prefile their amendments so that they would appear in Tuesday's RECORD. That is very important.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Does the gentleman mean Members are going to come in here to sit for 5 minutes in order that they can file an amendment?

Mr. SOLOMON. No, I think that Members can submit their amendments, they can prefile them like we always do on Monday. You sign your name to it, your staff then drops them in the hopper for you.

Mr. MOAKLEY. How long will we be in session in the pro forma session?

Mr. SOLOMON. That depends.

Mr. MOAKLEY. It does not depend on us, how long we would be in session.

Mr. SOLOMON. It depends on how many 1-minutes there might be and how many special orders.

Mr. MOAKLEY. With no votes, the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] is going to tell me we are going to go through an extensive pro forma session?

Mr. SOLOMON. Under unanimous-consent requests, filing of amendments would be in order up until 5 p.m. and that is the normal procedure of the House. We would have no objection to that.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Yes, but that request has not been made.

Mr. SOLOMON. No, we intend to make it.

Mr. MOAKLEY. When?

Mr. SOLOMON. So Members could be assured that they would have until 5 p.m. to file their amendments Monday. Again, this is in lieu of making them file their amendments by Friday at 5. This gives Members and their staffs the entire weekend and all day Monday.

Mr. MOAKLEY. So it is giving us our day off to come back here and file amendments. Is that what the gentleman is giving us?

Mr. SOLOMON. If the gentleman will let me interrupt him, I will make the unanimous-consent request right now.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBERS TO PREFILE AMENDMENTS ON H.R. 1158, EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESCISSIONS AND H.R. 1159, SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND RESCISSIONS

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Members

would have until 5 p.m. on Monday to prefile their amendments on the rescission bills.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, would the gentleman be kind enough to withhold that request until we clear it with our leadership on this side, because I am sure this comes as quite a surprise.

Mr. SOLOMON. If the gentleman will yield, the gentleman is one of my best friends, and I would be glad to withdraw it at his request.

Mr. MOAKLEY. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to reserve the right to object.

Mr. SOLOMON. I have withdrawn the request, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has withdrawn his request.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SOLOMON. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, let me ask the gentleman two questions that relate to the original announcement made by the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON], the committee chairman.

First of all, the gentleman mentioned legislating on an appropriation bill. Am I correct that the intent of the Committee on Rules will be to protect that legislation that is on the bill as it was reported by the committee?

Mr. SOLOMON. Absolutely. We intend to abide by the rules of the House.

Mr. HOYER. So you will be protecting—

Mr. SOLOMON. All we are saying is that if Members have amendments that would reinstate any of the cuts appearing in the bill that they would have to have offsetting cuts by chapter. In other words, in the Department of Veterans Affairs, HUD and Independent Agencies chapter, if you were going to reinstate a cut in that chapter, then you would have to provide for offsetting cuts within that chapter. But you are still allowed to offer further cuts on any of the chapters if you see fit, without offsetting anything.

Mr. HOYER. I understand. So if you wanted to make a cut in the defense chapter, there is no defense chapter, but if there were, you would have to make the cut in defense?

Mr. SOLOMON. Absolutely.

Mr. HOYER. That was, however, not the same when we added to the defense and made rescissions in the domestic side of the ledger some weeks ago. So we are changing that; is that correct?

Mr. SOLOMON. As we are doing it by chapter, right, because of the complexity of this legislation.

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SOLOMON. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.